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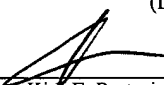
Applicant : Thorpe et al.
Appl. No. : 10/781,338
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For : **HARDWARE-ACCELERATED
HIGH AVAILABILITY
INTEGRATED NETWORKED
STORAGE SYSTEM**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.